

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A securing device for securing a sewer drain line for a recreational vehicle in a sewer inlet, said securing device comprising:

- a) a hold-down member that passes over the top of the sewer drain line and applies a downward force to the sewer drain line; and
- b) ~~wherein~~ said hold-down member comprising a flexible strap includes having first and second ends that secure to the ground on opposing sides of said sewer inlet ~~to secure the hold-down device;~~
- c) ground penetrating members to secure said first and second ends of said flexible strap to the ground; and
- d) wherein said flexible strap includes grommets in said first and second ends to receive said ground penetrating members.

2-4. (Cancelled).

5. (Currently Amended) The securing device of claim 4 1 wherein said ground penetrating members comprise ground stakes adapted to pass through said grommets in said first and second ends of said flexible strap.

6. (Currently Amended) The securing device of claim 4 1 wherein said flexible strap includes at least two longitudinally spaced space grommets in each of said first and second ends.

7. (Currently Amended) The securing device of claim 2 1 wherein said flexible strap is adjustable in length.

8. (Currently Amended) The securing device of claim 2 1 further comprising a hold-down block interposed between said hold-down member and said sewer drain line.

9. (Original) The securing device of claim 8 wherein said hold-down block comprises a surface shaped to conform to said sewer drain line.

10. (Original) The securing device of claim 9 wherein said hold-down block further comprises a channel through which said flexible strap passes.

11. (Original) The securing device of claim 9 wherein said channel comprises a slot passing transversely through said hold-down block.

12. (Original) The securing device of claim 1 wherein said hold-down member comprises a u-shaped wicket having a cross-member that passes over the top of the sewer drain line and a pair of opposed legs that insert into the ground on opposing sides of said sewer drain line.

13. (Original) The securing device of claim 12 wherein said cross member has a raised section disposed centrally in the cross member forming a grip for inserting the wicket into and removing said wicket from the ground.

14. (Original) The securing device of claim 11 further comprising a hold-down block interposed between said hold-down member and said sewer drain line.

15. (Original) The securing device of claim 14 wherein said hold-down block comprises a surface shaped to conform to said sewer drain line.

16. (Original) The securing device of claim 11 wherein said hold-down block further comprises a pair of vertically extending leg holes through which said opposed legs of said wicket extend.

17. (Original) The securing device of claim 1 further comprising a hold-down block interposed between said hold-down member and said sewer drain line.

18. (Original) The securing device of claim 17 wherein said hold-down block includes at least one opening through which said hold-down member extends.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of securing a sewer drain line for a recreational vehicle within a sewer inlet, said method comprising:

- a) passing a hold-down member ~~having opposing ends~~ over the top of said sewer drain line, said hold-down member comprising a flexible strap having opposing ends; and
- b) securing said opposing ends of said hold-down member to the ground on opposing sides of said sewer inlet such that said hold-down member applies a downward securing force to said sewer drain line; and
- c) wherein said flexible strap includes grommets at each said opposing end and is secured to the ground by ground stakes passing through said grommets.

20-21 (Cancelled).

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~21~~ 19 wherein said hold-down member comprises a u-shaped wicket having a cross member passing over the top of said sewer drain line and a pair of legs inserted into the ground on opposing sides of said sewer inlet.